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SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION OF ANDRE ERNEMANN, NEW BELGIAN
PERM REP TO UN

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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION ON ANDRE ERNEMANN, NEW BELGIAN PERM REP TO THE
U.N.

- 1923 - BORN IN ANTWERP
- 1946 - MASTERS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND DOCTORATE
IN PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN
- 1947 - ENTERED BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
- 1950-52 - ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, ROME
- 1952-53 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
- 1953-56 - FIRST SECRETARY (AND SOMETIMES CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES), TEHRAN
- 1956 - DETAILED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
PRIVATE FIRM, COMMUNICATIONS COUNSELORS
INC., AFFILIATE OF U.S. FIRM MCCANN
ERICSON
- 1957-59 - ON NEGOTIATING TEAM OF BENELUX
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS
- 1959-62 - COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
PARIS
- 1962-66 - COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
PARIS

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- 1966-69 - MFA ECONOMIC COUNSELOR FOR EASTERN

EUROPE - SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT DEVELOP
AND IMPLEMENT BELGIAN POLICY OF
ECONOMICS INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION
WITH EASTERN EUROPE

- 1967 - PERSONAL RANK OF MINISTER
- MARCH 1969 - OCTOBER 1973 - CONSUL GENERAL,
NEW YORK
- OCTOBER 1973 - OCTOBER 1975 - DEPUTY HEAD OF
BELGIAN DELEGATION TO EUROPEAN SECURITY
CONFERENCE (CSCE), GENEVA AND HELSINKI
- NOVEMBER 1975 - MARCH 1976 - VARIOUS ECONOMIC
AND FINANCIAL MISSIONS, GENEVA
- MARCH - SEPTEMBER 1976 - DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, MFA
- MARCH 31, 1976 - APPOINTED BELGIAN PERM REP
TO UN WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

2. AMBASSADOR ERNEMANN IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER
GINETTE MATTHYS. EMBASSY WILL POUCH PHOTO OF
AMBASSADOR WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. COMMENT: ERNEMANN IS ONE OF THE ABLE PEOPLE
IN THE BELGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE - EXPERIENCED,
SOPHISTICATED, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT. A SLENDER,
GOOD-LOOKING MAN ABOVE MEDIUM HEIGHT, ERNEMANN
IS RELAXED AND OUTGOING IN MANNER. HE IS AN
AGREEABLE COMPANION. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH
AND GERMAN, AS WELL AS FRENCH AND DUTCH. ERNEMANN
IS HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON UN AND MULTILATERAL
AFFAIRS, WHICH HAS BEEN HIS AREA OF PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITY FOR THE PAST DECADE. HE IS VERY WELL
DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. AND WILL WISH TO HAVE
CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH USUN. (HE
HAS OFTEN SHARED WITH US GOB CABLES AND OTHER
SENSITIVE MATERIALS). HE NEVERTHELESS HAS GOOD
INSIGHT INTO OUR FAULTS AND FOIBLES AND, IN A
SINGULARLY AGREEABLE MANNER, WILL NOT HESITATE
TO POINT THEM OUT TO US WHEN HE DEEMS IT NECESSARY.
HE HAS A TALENT FOR PLAIN TALK WHICH DOES NOT
LEAD TO ENIMOSITY OR CONFRONTATION. HE CANNOT
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BE BULLIED AND SHOULD NOT BE PATRONIZED. IN
SHORT, USUN IS GETTING A BELGIAN COLLEAGUE WHO
IS BASICALLY ON OUR SIDE, WHO WISHES TO WORK WITH
US ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL TRUST AND WHO HAS A GOOD
DEAL TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE
AND INDEPENDENT THOUGHT. RENNER

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